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BOWERS, BRANDON

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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Brandon W Bowers

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 16-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 16-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 May 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 16-22 in Paper No. 4 is acknowledged.

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sharma et al, US Patent No. 5,990,547.

In reference to claim 16, Sharma teaches a multi-layered substrate having a voltage reference signal circuit layout therein (Figure 1 and column 3 line 53 – column 4 line 19) comprising at least one signal layer having a plurality of signal traces (column 3, lines 54-55), a non-signaling layer having a voltage reference signal trace (column 3,

lines 55-56), and a conductive plane between the signal layer and the non-signal layer (column 3, lines 1-13).

In reference to claim 17, Sharma teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one power plane (column 3, lines 53-57).

In reference to claim 18, Sharma teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one ground layer plane (column 3, lines 53-57).

In reference to claim 19, Sharma teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one power plane and a plurality of signal traces (column 3, lines 57-column 4, line 19).

In reference to claim 20, Sharma teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one ground layer plane and a plurality of signal traces (column 3, lines 57-column 4, line 19).

In reference to claim 21, Sharma teaches wherein the conductive plane includes a ground plane (column 3, lines 1-13 and 55-57).

In reference to claim 22, Sharma teaches wherein the conductive plane includes a power plane (column 3, lines 1-13 and 55-57).

Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Honsinger et al., US Patent No. 5,500,804.

In reference to claim 16, Honsinger teaches a multi-layered substrate having a voltage reference signal circuit layout therein comprising at least one signal layer having a plurality of signal traces, a non-signaling layer having a voltage reference

signal trace, and a conductive plane between the signal layer and the non-signal layer (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

In reference to claim 17, Honsinger teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one power plane (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

In reference to claim 18, Honsinger teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one ground layer plane (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

In reference to claim 19, Honsinger teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one power plane and a plurality of signal traces (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

In reference to claim 20, Honsinger teaches wherein the non-signaling layer includes at least one ground layer plane and a plurality of signal traces (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

In reference to claim 21, Honsinger teaches wherein the conductive plane includes a ground plane (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

In reference to claim 22, Honsinger teaches wherein the conductive plane includes a power plane (Figure 1 and column 3 line 64 – column 4 line 33).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon W Bowers whose telephone number is

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(703)305-4387. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am until 5:00 pm
Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith can be reached on (703)308-1323. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703)872-9318.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1782.

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